

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRAGUE 0755

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TO , CZ

SUBJ: PORTEST AGAINST OBJECTIONABLE PRESS ARTICLE

REF: STATE 064888

1. DCM CALLED ON MFA NORTH AMERICAN DEPT DIRECTOR BILEK TO DELIVER PROTEST ALONG LINES REFTEL. BILEK, WHO EVIDENTLY WAS UNAWARE OF ARTICLE AND SEEMED UNCLEAR ON INCIDENT OUT OF WHICH ARTICLE HAD BEEN SPUN, DAID HE WOULD INFORM HIS SUPERIORS.

2. IN FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, EMBOFF EMPHASIZED THAT CZECHS SHOULD REALIZE THAT HOSTILE MEDIA COVERAGE WAS NOT CONSISTENT WITH EFFORT TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH US. BILEK, WHO HAS IN MORE CANDID MOMENTS BEMOANED MFA'S INABILITY TO INFLUENCE MEDIA, PRESSED ARGUMENT THAT LEADERSHIP AND OTHER AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENTS IN RECENT PRIOD HAVE AVOIDED HOSTILE REFERENCES TO US.

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\*\*\* Current Handling Restrictions \*\*\* n/a

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